

AN APPEAL TO ASPIRA ALUMNI & FRIENDS

ASPIRA is making a special appeal to a very special population - ASPIRA Alumni. If you are a former student (*Aspirante*), employee, Board member, or were touched by ASPIRA in some way, we ask that you please consider making a tax deductible donation, and/or join the Alumni Association. We need you to "come back" and be counted among our supporters. We invite you to visit our sites, learn about our current programs and activities, meet and talk to today's *Aspirantes*, introduce your children to the ASPIRA process, attend our special events, see old friends and make new ones, become reacquainted with ASPIRA.

The overall effectiveness of ASPIRA can be gauged by the progress of its alumni. Founded in 1961, to date, ASPIRA can proudly attest to having helped over 200,000 Latino men and women, many of whom are in significant positions of leadership in the public and private sector. Among them, *Bronx Borough President Fernando Ferrer, Deputy Mayor Ninfa Segarra, Hostos Community College President Dr. Isaura Santiago-Santiago and Emmy award-winning actor Jimmy Smits*. The achievements of our alumni are affirmations to both *their* struggles, and ASPIRA's firm belief embodied in all our programs — that Latino youth *can* and *do* succeed when provided with support and guidance.

So please help us to continue the legacy of investing in Puerto Rican and Latino youth. Come back and be counted.

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LOS
TRES AMIGOS'
50TH
BIRTHDAY BASH



Milga Morales



Digna Sanchez



Andres Torres



Saturday, February 22, 1997

ASPIRA of New York, Inc. Celebrates 35th Anniversary

All proceeds from this event will go towards ASPIRA's programs and services. With offices in six states and Puerto Rico, ASPIRA is the oldest and largest non-profit educational agency helping Puerto Rican and other Latino youth achieve excellence through education, and in becoming tomorrow's leaders.

The Board of Directors, Staff and Students of ASPIRA join in thanking
Milga Morales, Digna Sanchez and Andy Torres
for their generous support of our organization, and in wishing them a very

"Happy Birthday!"

Los Tres Amigos Invite You to Attend Their Birthday Party Celebrating 150 Combined Years of Commitment, Compañerismo y Lucha!

☺ Dr. Milga Morales is currently Associate Professor of Education at Brooklyn College in New York City. As a student activist she fought for Puerto Rican studies at Brooklyn College in the sixties. She is a founding member of the Association for Puerto Rican Studies. Her first encounter with ASPIRA was as a High School student attending an ASPIRA convention. She has also taught in some ASPIRA summer programs. Dr. Morales has been active on the Board of ASPIRA of New York for five years. Her daughter, Lenina Nadal organized the Long Beach High School ASPIRA Club in 1992.

☺ Digna Sanchez is currently the Vice President for Community Education Services (CES) at the Children's Television Workshop (CTW). Prior to coming to CTW Ms. Sanchez was the Assistant Commissioner for Policy and Program Development at the Community Development Agency in NYC. She is currently a member of the Board of Directors of ASPIRA of New York and heads the ASPIRA Alumni Association. Her relationship with ASPIRA dates back to 1963 when she organized the Seward Park High School ASPIRA Club. In 1985, she was the recipient of the ASPIRA Alumna of the Year Award. Ms. Sanchez is the proud mother of Beliza Alvarez, a third year student at the University of Puerto Rico. Ms. Alvarez is herself an *Aspirante* who organized the *Sueños ASPIRA Club* at the High School for the Humanities in 1993.

☺ Andres Ismael Torres is presently a tenured professor of Economics at the University of Massachusetts in Boston. Prior to coming to the University of Massachusetts, he was Deputy Director of Research at the Center for Puerto Rican Studies at Hunter College. Mr. Torres' book *"From Melting Pot to Mosaic"* chronicles the labor force participation trends of Puerto Ricans and African Americans in the New York metro area. A founding member of the Association for Puerto Rican Studies, he is currently working on a book about political activism in Puerto Rican communities in the United States during the seventies. During the early seventies, Mr. Torres worked as a counselor in ASPIRA's College Retention Program. His wife Carmen Vivian Rivera is also an *Aspirante*.



**Saturday, February 22, 1997
9:00 PM to 2:00 AM**

Location:

**The Martin Luther King
Labor Center Auditorium
310 West 43rd Street
Between 8th and 9th Avenues
New York, New York**



**Conjunto Bembé
Featuring Tony Nadal**

Also

**DJ Joey Osoiro
Specializing in Latin & Oldies Music**

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Call (718) 951-5953**

Individual Tickets \$35 - Two or More \$30 Each
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